

## Tribal RFP # 5074 – Questions and Answers

1. **The RFP calls for a supervisor that is a Master’s level clinical Social Worker. Will an LPCC substitute?** Yes.
2. **Is the pre-bidders conference mandatory?** No.
3. **Does the grant require 24/7 supervision of tribal youth?** No.
4. **Do these funds for independent living cover a Native American teen mother whose child is in legal custody by CYFD or legal custody of Tribal Social Services and she has to do a parenting series to keep or get her child returned to her?** Youth has to be in the legal custody of Tribal Social Services or has aged out of Tribal Social Services on his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Eligibility is not determined based on the youth’s parenting status. If the youth is or was in Tribal Social Services Custody at 18, the youth would be eligible.
5. **Do you put the proposal budget, fact sheet and other addendum items in all 5 copies?** Yes.
6. **When you speak of legal CYFD custody are you speaking for Protective Service custody and Tribal Social Service custody only?** The RFP refers to Tribal Social Services custody only.
7. **Juvenile Justice does not take legal custody of the teen, so is my understanding correct, that other funding must be sought for these Native American youth who will go to jail, if they cannot find a safe place for themselves and their children?** That is correct.
8. **If employees opt not to have health insurance coverage, will there be a negation of CYFD funding?** Your agency has to offer health insurance coverage. If employees opt out of what you offer, there will be no negation of CYFD funding.
9. **Is transportation (outside of the required conferences) a necessary service to these youth?** No.
10. **Does the evidence-based educational series of life skills have to be provided by outside agencies or by the funded agency?** The competency-based life skills education should be provided by the funded agency.
11. **Can you take un-emancipated tribal youth who are 16 or under and put them in an apartment by themselves?** This is not within the scope of this RFP.
12. **Can tribal youth in custody live at home with a family member and still receive services?** Yes, however they may not be eligible for some funding such as Independent Living Placement Status (ILPS) if the family is receiving a foster payment.
13. **Do apartments for Native American youth have to be HUD approved?** No.
14. **How long does the agency have to do an eligibility assessment with each of New Mexico’s 22 tribes and pueblos?** Six months.
15. **Will these youth continue to live in their respective tribes and pueblos and receive the independent living services of the agency receiving funding and the agency has to travel to meet the funding requirements?** Yes.
16. **If Native American youth receive this funding and are discharged from their apartments, school, or family as a result of substance abuse or illegal activity, will the funding to the agency be cut?** The agency’s funding will not be cut.
17. **What is the definition of tribal youth vs. Native American youth?** Tribal youth are defined for the purposes of this RFP as youth who are in the custody of tribal social services due to

abuse/neglect or who were in the custody of tribal social services due to abuse/neglect on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Native American youth are defined for the purposes of this RFP as being in the custody of CYFD or who were in the custody of CYFD on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- 18. What do you mean when you say that the funded agency must accept referrals from CYFD or tribal social services?** A tribal youth may come to CYFD's attention as being in need of services prior to the youth being referred to the funded organization by tribal social services. In those instances CYFD may make the referral to the program.
- 19. Is this program meant to be a "mirror" to the functions CYFD provides for youth in their custody?** Yes.
- 20. Could a bidder bid on providing services to a portion of the state and not the entire state?** Yes.
- 21. How many youth do you anticipate being served through this contract?** The agency who held this contract in previous years served a maximum of 55 youth. This number declined over time. The number of youth to be served would depend on the statewide eligibility/feasibility assessment.
- 22. Do you have an assessment tool that could be used for the eligibility/feasibility assessment?** The National Resource Center for Youth Development at the University of Oklahoma has provided CYFD with an example of this type of an assessment. This would be available to the contractor(s) to use as a template to develop their own assessment.